Legal Owner: Walter K. Myers, Jr. * Case No. 93-266-A Petitioner * * * * * * * * * *

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance for that property located at 1113 Cummings Avenue in the Catonsville section of Baltimore County. Within the Petition, the Petitioner/Contract Purchaser seeks relief from Sections 1802.3.C.1 and 304.1.C of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a minimum lot width of 50 ft., in lieu of the required 55 ft., in a D.R.5.5 zone. The relief is more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Variance.

This matter was originally scheduled for public hearing on Thursday, March 11, 1993. At that time, two residents of the surrounding community appeared in opposition. However, neither the property owner, contract purchaser, nor their attorney appeared. Thus an Order of Dismissal was entered on March 15, 1993. Subsequently, a Motion for Reconsideration was filed by the Petitioner citing scheduling conflicts as the reason for the failure of the Petitioner and counsel to appear. Thus, the matter was rescheduled for hearing on March 29, 1993.

At the March 29th hearing, only the attorney for the Petitioner, N. Scott Phillips appeared. Neither of the Protestants/interested persons who attended the first public hearing were present.

Testimony and evidence proffered was that the subject site is a narrow, yet deep, lot of .36 acres. Presently, the site is unimproved. The lot is presently owned by Walter K. Myers, Jr., but is under contract of sale to Matthew C. Decker.

Mr. Decker proposes construction of a single family house on the property. The testimony and evidence which was proffered was that the lot is only 50 ft. wide and thus cannot comply with the minimum lot width of 55 ft. mandated by Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Further, neither Mr. Hyers nor Mr. Decker own adjacent property from which the additional width could be obtained. Thus, it is argued that the strict adherence to the regulation would cause practical difficulty upon the Petitioner, in that a permitted use of the property would not be allowed. Further, Mr. Phillips noted that any house which would be constructed would be architecturally consistent with the surrounding locale.

Although the Protestants/Interested persons did not appear at the second hearing date, statements from Mrs. Favors and Mr. Christian at the earlier hearing were that they do not object to development on the property, as long as same is in keeping with other houses in the area. Further, Mrs. Favors noted that there may be a utility line across the property which might prohibit construction.

After considering all of the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded that the Petition should be granted. In my view, adherence to the width requirement as contained within the B.C.Z.R. would cause practical difficulty upon the Petitioner and his property. Specifically, the Petitioner would be unable to use the property for an otherwise permitted purpose. Further, the relief requested is the minimum required and is not

the result of any self-imposed hardship. Lastly, I find that the granting

However, notwithstanding my decision to approve this variance, I will require the Petitioner to submit architectural/elevation drawings to the Office of Planning and Zoning before any permits are issued. This is to insure that the construction will be in keeping with the architectural style of the houses in this location. Thus my Order will be restricted in that manner. Further, the granting of this variance does not constitute any waiver from public works or other requirements related to the possible utility line on this property. That is, if a line does exist, the Petitioner may develop the property only in a manner so as not to interfere with any existing utility improvement.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore day of April, 1993 that a variance from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 and 304.1.C of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a minimum lot width of 50 ft., in lieu of the required 55 ft., in a D.R.5.5 zone, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

of the variance will not be detrimental to the surrounding locale.

2. The Petitioner must submit to the Office of Planning and Zoning architectural/elevation drawings for review and approval prior to the issuance of a permit.

3. When applying for a building permit, the site plan and landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

April 1, 1993

N. Scott Phillips, Esquire 1317 Dillon Heights Avenue Catonsville, Maryland 21228

> RE: Case No. 93-266-A Petition for Variance Matthew C. Decker, Contract Purchaser, Petitioner 1113 Cummings Avenue

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

cc: Mr. Matthew C. Decker cc: Mrs. Dorothy Favors

cc: Mr. Thomas Christian

Zoning Commissioner

IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE E/S Cumnings Avenue, 1175 ft. S of Rich Avenue 1113 Cusmings Avenue 1st Election District 1st Councilmenic District Legal Owner: Walter K. Myers, Jr. * Contract Purchaser: Matthew Decker Petitioner

ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Case No. 93-266-A

. ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This case comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance for that property known as 1113 Cummings Avenue in the Catonsville section of Baltimore County. The Petitioner requested a variance from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 and 304.1C of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a minimum lot width of 50 ft., in lieu of the 55 ft. required, in a D.R. 5.5 zone.

The case was scheduled for public hearing on Thursday, March 11, 1993 at 2:00 P.M. At that time, Dorothy Favors, who resides next door at 1115 Cummings Avenue, and Thomas Christian on behalf of the local community association, appeared. However, neither Walter K. Myers, Jr., the property owner, Matthew C. Decker, the Contract Purchaser, nor their attorney N. Scott Phillips, Esquire, appeared at the specified time for the subject hearing. After a reasonable period of time elapsed and Heggrs. Phillips, Decker or Myers still had not appeared, nor contacted the Zoning

It is the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner that this Petition

County this 15 day of March, 1993 that the Petition for Zoning Variance from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 and 304.1.C of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a minimum lot width of 50 ft., in lieu of the 55 ft. required in a D.R. 5.5 zone, be and is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice.

LES/mmn

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

March 15, 1993

N. Scott Phillips, Esquire Walter K. Myers, Jr. 1317 Dillon Heights Catonsville, Maryland 21228

Mr. Matthew C. Decker 305 N. Rolling Road Baltimore, Maryland 21228

> RE: Case No. 93-266-A Petition for Variance 1113 Cummings Avenue Legal Owner: Walter K. Hyers, Jr. Contract Purchaser: Matthew C. Decker, Petitioner

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto please find an Order of Dismissal regarding the above captioned matter.

Lawrence E. Schmidi Zoning Commissioner

LES: mmn cc: Mrs. Dorothy Favors

Mr. Thomas Christian

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) | BO2, 3.01 and 304.10 from the Baltimore county zoning Regulations to permit a minimum lot wiath of 50' in lieu of 55!

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Applicant unable to secure a reasonable return or make a reasonable use of his property as allowed by zoning density in complying with referenced Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. Zoning Standerds.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

305 W. Rolling Road

Baltimore, Heryland 21228

DATE: 2-19-93

RE: CASE NUMBER: 93-266-1 (Item 278) E/S Cusmings Avenue, 1175' S of Rich Avenue 1113 Commings Avenue 1st Election District - 1st Councilmenic Legal Owner(s): Walter K. Myers, Jr. Contract Purchaser(s): Hetthew C. Decker

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 60.2.7 is due for advertising and posting of the above

HEARING: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Nm. 118, Old Courthouse.

THIS FEE HOST ME PAID AND THE ZUMING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE

Please forward your check via return sail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chasepeaks Avenue, Boom 109, Townon, Maryland 21204. Place the case number on the check and make seem payable to Bultimore County, Heryland. In order to seed delay of the immunes of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Bultimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Bultimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Born 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesepseks Avenue in Touson, Haryland 21204 or hoom 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Hashington Avenue, Touson, Haryland 21204 as follows:

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Variance to securit a minimum lot width of 50 feet in lieu of 55 feet.

N. Scott Phillips

HOTE: HEARING ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMUNITIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204



(410) 887-3353

March 19, 1993

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

CASE NUMBER(S): LEGAL OWNER: CONTRACT PURCHASER: LOCATION:

93-266-A Walter K. Myers, Jr. Matthew Decker 1113 Cummings Avenue

HEARING OF THE ABOVE MATTER WILL TAKE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

IN THE BALTIMORE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 118, 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON DIRECTOR

cc: N. Scott Phillips Matthew Decker Dorothy Favors Thomas Christian

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

March 3, 1993

N. Scott Phillips, Esquire 1317 Dillon Heights Baltimore, MD 21228

> RE: Case No. 93-266-A, Item No. 278 Petitioner: Walter K. Myers, Jr., et al Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. Phillips:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on February 1, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

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2-12-93

Ms. Julie Winiarski Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Baltimore County
Item No.: \$\display 278 (LEO)

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

My telephone number is 410-333-1350

Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech
383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free
707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-office Correspondence

This case was scheduled for March 11, 1993. The only people who

appeared were Mrs. Dorothy Favors and Thomas Christian, nearby residents.

Mr. Christian is also President of the local community association. They

planned. Also Mrs. Favors noted that she was aware of the existence of a

storm drain which had been constructed right through the center of the prop-

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Memo to the file

Case No. 93-266-A

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Lawrence E. Schmidt

Zoning Commissioner

Matthew Decker/Walter K. Myers, Jr.

Property 1113 Cummings Avenue

DATE: March 12, 1993

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: February 18, 1993

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 265, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 277, and 278.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE Director, Office of Planning and Zoning Attn: Ervin McDeniel County Courts Bldg, Rm 406 401 Boeley Av

Permit Number

Towern, MD 21204 FROM: Arnold Jablon, Director, Zoning Administration and Development Management

Pursuant to Section 304.2(Baltimore County Zoning Regulations) effective June 25, 1992; this office is requesting recommendations and comments from the Office of Planning & Zoning prior to this office's approval of a dwelling permit.

MINIMUM APPLICANT SUPPLIED INFORMATION: MATTHEW C, DECKER 305 N. ROLLING RD. BALTO, MD., 21228 410-719-0011 D Lot Address 1/13 CUMMINGS AVE Election District / Cornect District / Square Foot 13, 350 Level Graner WALTER K. MYERS, JR. Tex Account Breater 01-16-1505-770

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TO BE FILLED IN BY THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING ONLY!

Approval conditioned on required modifications of the permit to conform with the following

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BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: Feb. 18,1993

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration

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SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

Z.A.C. MEETING DATE: Feb. 16, 1993

and Development Management

There are no Comments on tem numbers 265, 266, 269, 270,271,272,273,274,277 and 278.

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Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500 FEBPUARY 19, 1993

(410) 887-4500

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: WALTER K. MYERS, JR.

Location: #1113 CUMMING AVENUE

Item No.: 278 (LEO) Zoning Agenda: FEERUARY 16, 1993

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Special Inspection Division

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N. SCOTT PHILLIPS

1317 DILLON HEIGHTS ROAD • BALTIMORE, MD 21228 OFFICE: 410-332-2560 OR 410-788-6647

Attorney at Law

March 17, 1993

Mr. Larry Schmidt Commissioner of Zoning Baltimore County 400 Washington Avenue Room 113 Towson, MD 21204

Re: Case Number 93-266-A (Item 278) 1113 Cummings Avenue

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed you will find my Motion For Reconsideration on the Cummings Avenue property. I have mailed a copy of this motion to the concerned parties.

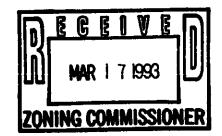
If possible, please set a rehearing in this matter for Monday March 29, 1993 or Tuesday March 30, 1993. 'I am available at your convenience on those two days. 10 Att

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to give me a call at 332-2560 or 788-6647.

N. Scott Phillips

Sincerely,

cc: Dorothy Favors Thomas Christian Matt Decker Walter K. Myers, Jr.



IN THE MATTER OF * BALTIMORE COUNTY 1113 CUMMINGS AVENUE * ZONING ADMINISTRATION * CASE NO. 93-266-A VARIANCE TO PERMIT CHANGE IN LOT SIZE * * * * * * * * * * MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

The Petitioners Walter K. Myers, Jr. and Matthew C. Decker, by their Attorney, N. Scott Phillips, file this Motion for Reconsideration.

1. The Petitioners and their attorney were unable to attend the hearing scheduled for March 11, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts.

2. The Petitioners committ to attend either in person or by their attorney at a rescheduled hearing at the convenience of the

3. A denial of this motion will result in a significant financial hardship to the petitioners.

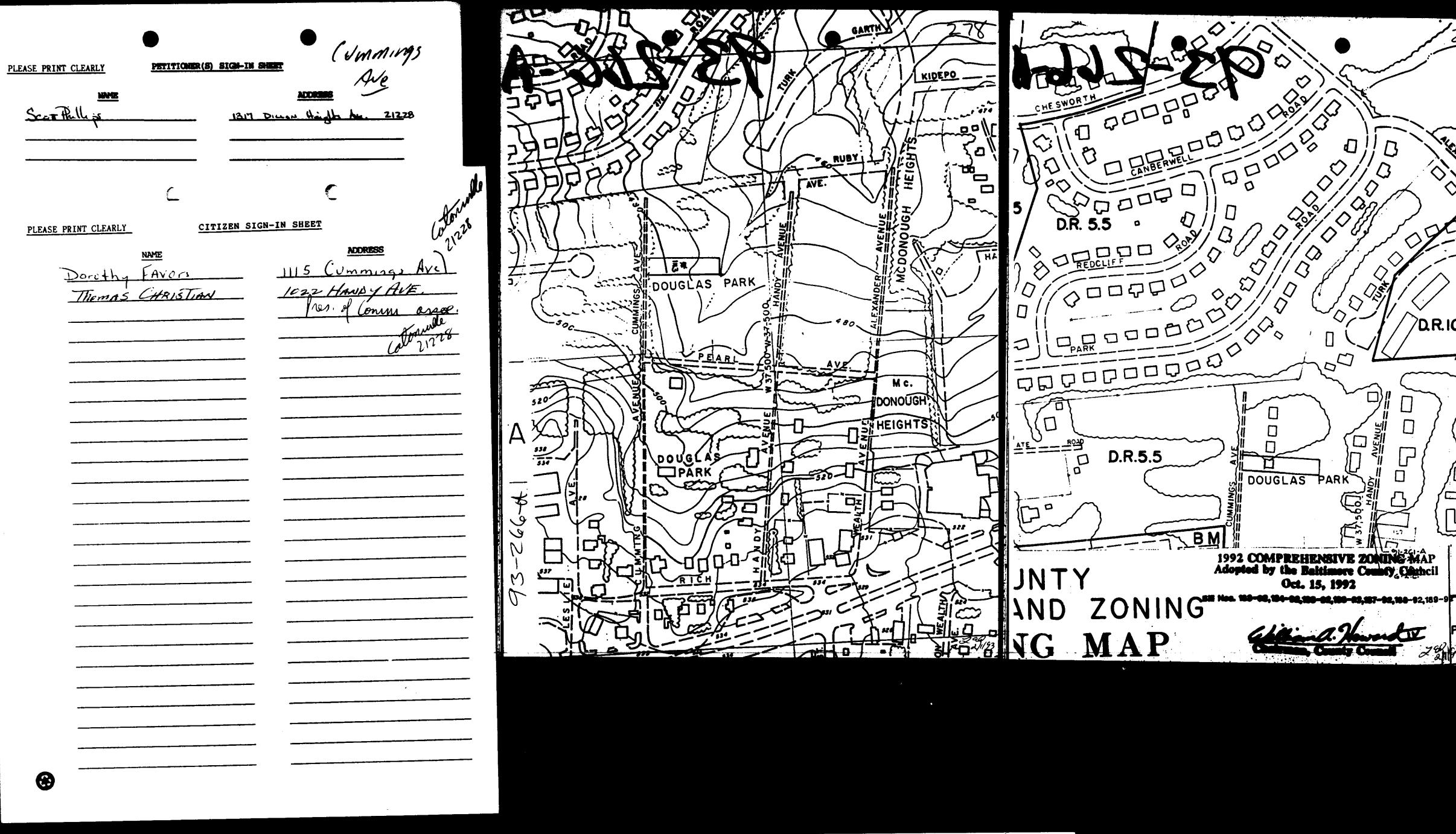
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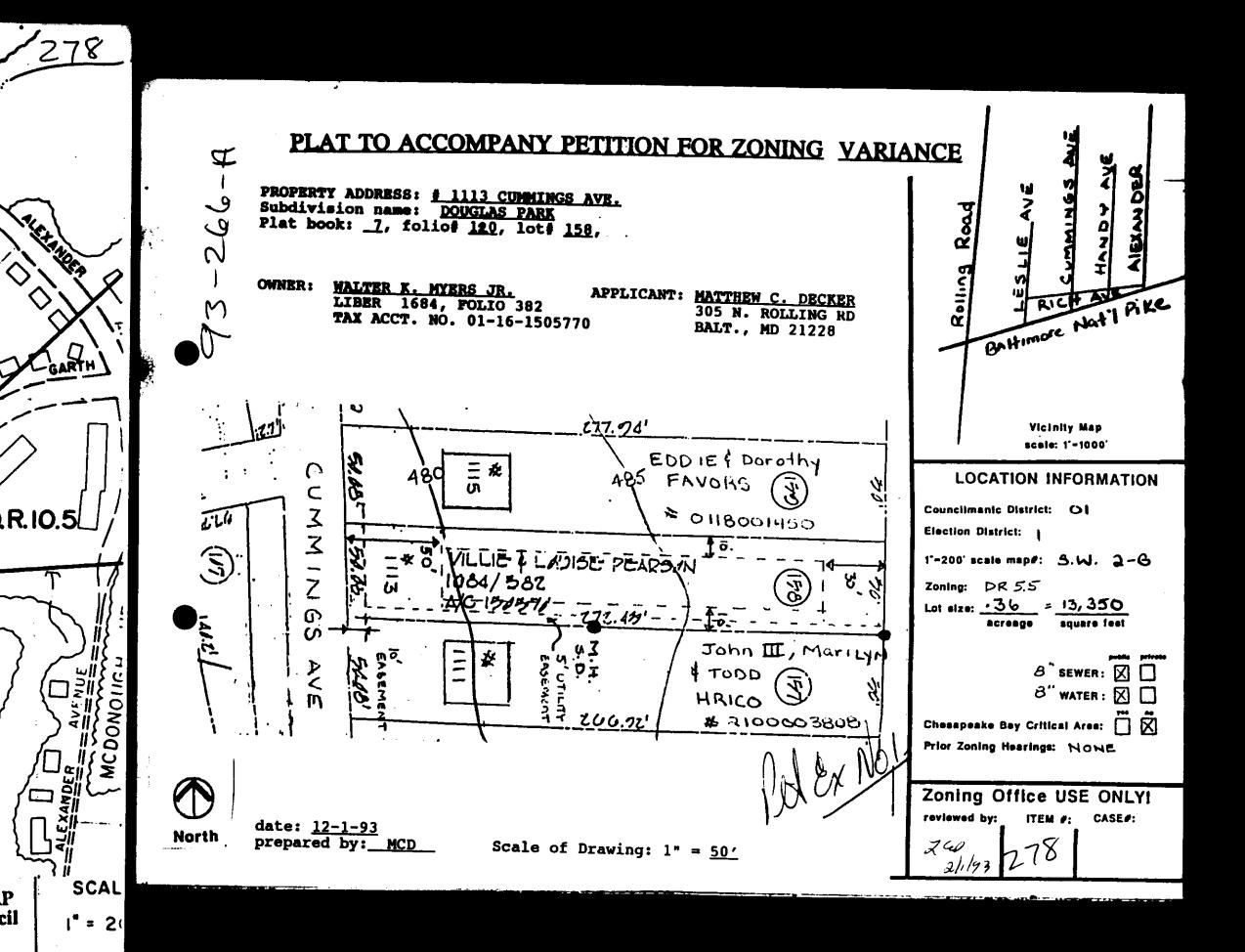
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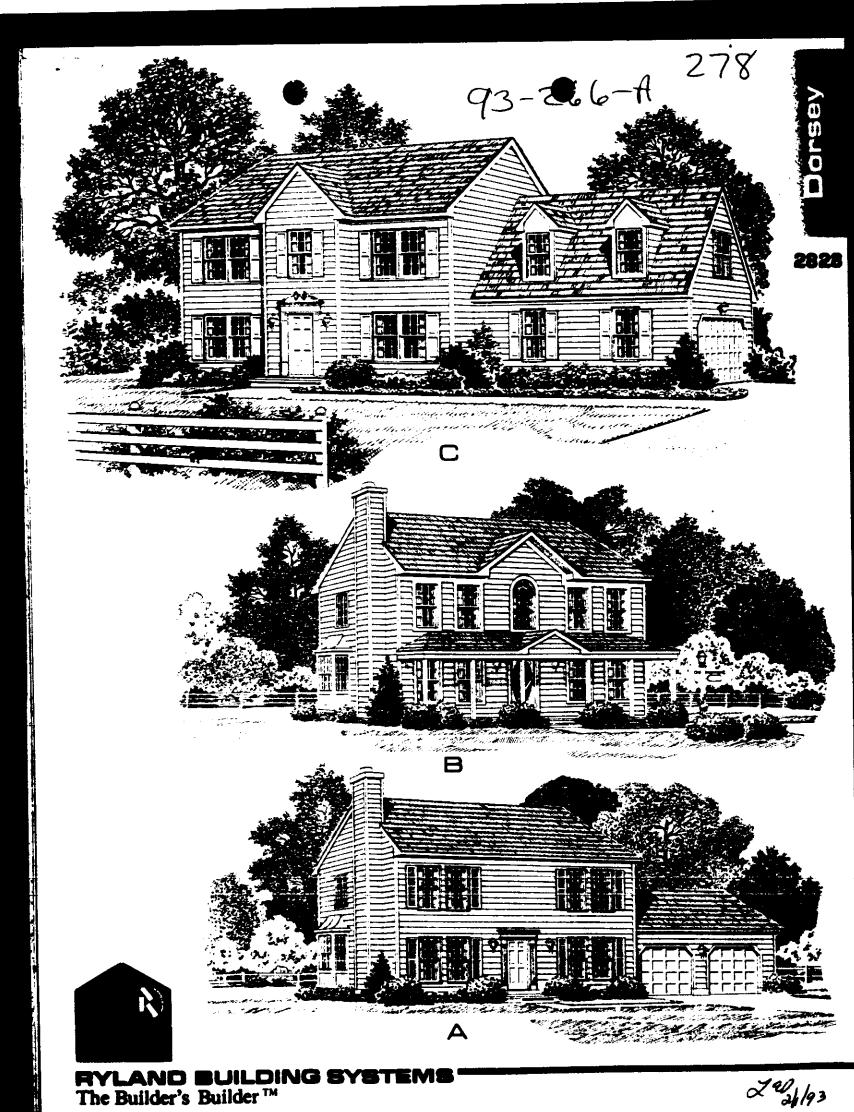
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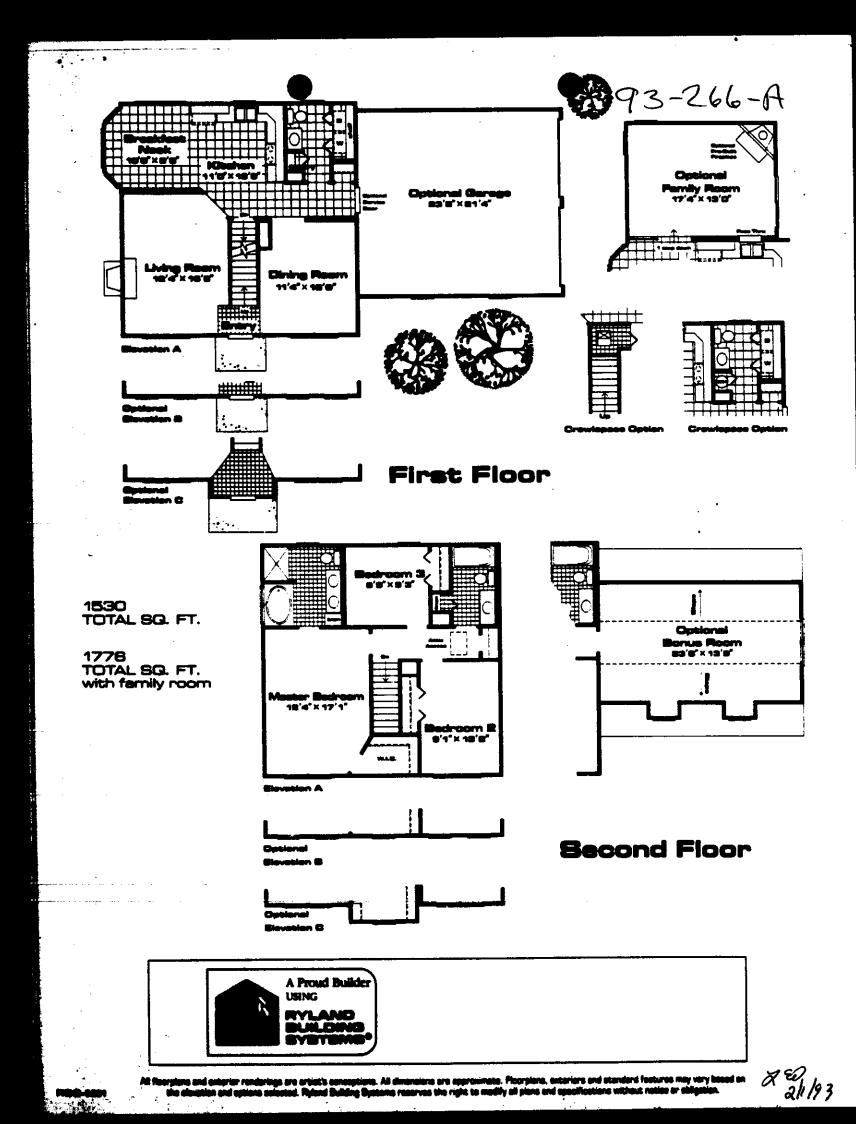
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of March, 1993, a copy of this motion was mailed postage prepaid to the following interested parties: Ms. Dorothy Favors, 1115 Cummings Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228, and Mr. Thomas Christian, 1022 Handy Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228.

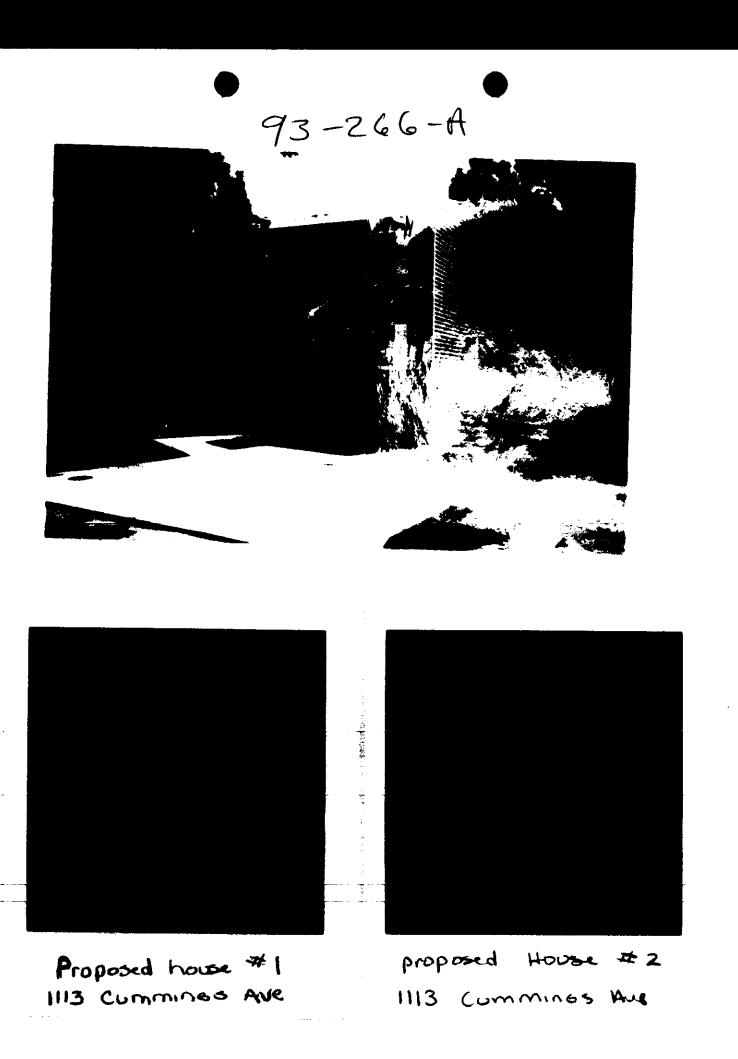
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